Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is "The Cochin Factories Bill".

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I rise to move, Sir, that in view of the considerable length of the Bill, a Select Committee consisting of the following members be appointed to examine the bill and report upon it.

1. The Chief Engineer.
2. The Director of Public Health & Panchayats.
3. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.
4. Mr. H. J. Walmesley.
5. Mr. P. C. Varkey.
6. Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar and
7. The Government Advocate & Law Officer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, for a more comprehensive representation of all the interests and in view of the special line into which the balance is now turning, I will propose the name of Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen also in the Committee.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ഫാക്ടറിയിൽ ധാരാളം സ്ത്രീകൾ പണിയെടുക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ഒരു സ്ത്രീ മെമ്പറെ, അതായത് ലേഡി ഡാക്ടറെക്കൂടി ഒരു മെമ്പറായി എടുത്താൽ നന്നായിരിക്കും.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. President.—The Government Advocate will be the Chairman of the Committee and the Committee will report within 3 months.

The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill (Sec. 55.)

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I rise to move that the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill (Section 55) be read in Council.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is 'The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill'.

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Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Hon'ble Members are aware that under section 55 of the Cochin Municipal Regulation certain exceptions are available against tolls. The 4th clause reads "carrying any person or property in the custody of a police officer". The present amendment is intended to introduce the words "or excise" between the words "police" and "officer". This is with a view to extend the exemption of tolls to Excise Officers who carry any person or property in their custody. For the same reasons as induced the Government to introduce the exemptions to the Police Officers it is highly necessary that this exemption should be extended to the Excise Officers also. I move, Sir, that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Does it apply to Municipal tolls also?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—You are giving exemption to all other Government tolls?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—But it is only when he has a person in custody or when he carries contraband article in his custody?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—When an Excise Officer enters into the town, is he exempted from toll?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I don't think he is exempted.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Of course, he will always wear the uniform and enter the town. The difficulty is how to know whether he is on duty or not.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That may be a matter of practical difficulty. But the distinction has to be remembered that the exemption is to be granted only when, in the performance of his official duties, he carries any person or property. I can quite concieve that taking advantage of that exemption, an Excise officer may try to avoid paying tolls.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—On principle, I oppose it, Sir. In my view, the Municipality being a distinct administrative unit, it is the duty of the Government to compensate the loss sustained by the Municipality. Lately, Municipalities have been asked to give exemptions in various directions, some of which, in my opinion, are reasonable and some of which are absolutely unreasonable and, strangely enough, many of these exemptions are

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conferred upon people who can very well afford to pay and who do not do any public service. This multiplicity of exemptions has affected the Municipal finance. It will be in the fitness of things if the Government make good the amount to the Municipality instead of asking the Municipality to give exemption. Either by means of a consolidated contribution or some arrangement, the money may be recovered for the Municipality. The Municipalities are finding it very difficult to fulfil the obligations imposed upon them and any attempt on the part of the Government to drain away their resources is, in my opinion, unjust and indefensible.

For these reasons, I would oppose this measure, unless compensation is given to the Municipalities from Government funds.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—What is the provocation for this exemption from toll? Is it simply to place the Excise officers on a par with Police officers or is there any immediate cause?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It is really to place the Excise officers on a par with Police officers, because for the proper exercise of their duties it is necessary that these officers also should be exempted.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I will withdraw the objection, if the Government will ascertain the views of the Municipalities. Of course, they are entitled to have their say in the matter. I myself do not wish to take the responsibility. But I think that it would be the duty of the Government to consult those bodies before they interfere with their finances.

Motion put and carried.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—A Poll, Sir.

Ayes.	Noes.
1. Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.	1. Mr. P. J. Alexander.
2. Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.	2. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.
3. Mr. M. P. Cherian.	3. Mr. P. Govinda Menon.
4. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.	4. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.
5. Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.	5. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.
6. Mr. V. S. Krishnan Vydiar.	6 Mr. T. C. Iyyuttty.
7. Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.	7. Mr. T. K. Nair.
8. Mr. K. Narayana Menon.	8. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.
9. Mr. T. Narayana Menon.	9. Mr. P. Rama Menon.

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10. Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.
11. Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.
12. Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.
13. Rama Varmha Tampuran.
14. Mr. A. Sankara Menon.
15. Mr. M. A. Sankunni.
16. Dr. E. S. R. Menon.
17. Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.
18. Miss. G. M. D' Souza.
19. Mr. Thomas Manjuran.
20. Mr. P. C. Varkey.
21. Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.
22. Mr. H. J. Walmesley.

10. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.
11. Dr. A. R. Menon.

Neutrals.

1. Mr. V. K. Kutty.
2. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon.
3. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.
4. Mr. Viswanathan Chettiar.

Mr. President.—22 for and 11 against. The Motion is therefore carried. The question is that clause 2 stand part of the Bill.

Amendment to section 55 of the Cochin Municipal Regulation.

2. In clause (d) of the proviso to section 55 of the Cochin Municipal Regulation, XI of 1096. insert the words "or excise" between the words 'police' and 'officer'.

Clause put and carried.

Mr. President.—The question is that clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

Short title, extent and commencement.

1. (1) This Regulation may be called the Cochin Municipal (Amendment) Regulation, of 1111.

(2) It shall extent to the whole of Cochin and shall come into force at once.

Clause put and carried.

Mr. President.—The question is that the Title and Preamble stand part of the Bill.

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WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Municipal Regu-
Preamble. lation, XI of 1096, it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Title and preamble put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I rise to move that the Bill may be finally taken up and passed tomorrow.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The House rose for lunch at 1 p. m. and reassembled at 2-15 p. m. with the Hon'ble the Deputy President (M. R. Ry. A. Sankara Menon Avl., B. A. & B. L.,) in the chair.

Resolutions (Contd.)

12. Introduction of Savings Bank system in the Anchal Department.

* **Mr. P. J. Alexander.**—"*This Council recommends to the Government that the Savings Bank Account system be started and worked by the Anchal Department*".

Mr. President, Sir, about the value of the Savings Bank system and its general usefulness, there can be no two opinions. With regard especially to the rural parts and the poor people it is to be regarded—provided it is started—as a welcome boon. It is a real practical aid to poor people who have to put aside small savings provided there is an agency to take care of it. Evidently it must turn to the ultimate advantage of the people in general. We find that there are banks where this savings bank system is worked, but those banks are mostly situated in towns and the people in the rural areas are not benefited by that. Again, there is the Post Office Savings Bank system which also is to be found only in towns. My object in moving this resolution is mainly to benefit the people of the rural areas in their endeavours to put by some small amounts they can succeed in finding, and therefore, I commend this resolution to the acceptance of the House. I am not afraid that this will provoke any sort of controversy whatsoever. Of course, Government may feel it necessary to make an investment of some additional rupees. But considering the importance and the usefulness of the matter, I think Government will not grudge to make that small outlay and therefore I commend this resolution to the acceptance of the House.

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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